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FOR AMBASSADOR - DELIVER AT OPENING OF BUSINESS

1. YOU MAY PRESENT THE JUMBLATT REP'S STORY TO KARAME, OUTSIDE FOUAD BOUTROS' HEARING, IF POSSIBLE, BOTH WITH RESERVATIONS AS TO ITS ACCURACY AND WITH NO COLOR OF SUGGESTION, MUCH LESS OF URGING OR PRESSURE, THAT KARAME SHOULD ORDER DAHDAH TO HAVE THE ARMS DELIVERED. ALL YOU SHOULD DO IS TO ENSURE THAT KARAME IS INFORMED OF THE JUMBLATT REP'S STORY. IF KARAME ASKS YOUR ADVICE, YOU SHOULD REPLY SIMPLY THAT, AS HE KNOWS, USG WILL NOT PAY RANSOM AND WILL NOT ASK OTHERS TO DO SO. A HOST GOVERNMENT SHOULD DETERMINE IN ITS OWN JUDGMENT HOW IT WILL FULFILL ITS RESPONSIBILITY TO SECURE THE RELEASE OF HOSTAGES.

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2. EVEN THOUGH WE HAVE GOOD REASON TO BELIEVE THAT YOUR CONVERSATION WITH KARAME WILL NOT SUBSEQUENTLY BE REVEALED, WE WOULD WISH IT TO BE STRICTLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR NO-NEGOTIATIONS, NO-CONCESSIONS POLICIES. IN ADDITION THERE IS IN THIS CASE THE NATURE OF THE ARMS QUOTE RANSOM UNQUOTE IN ITSELF, WITH WHICH WE WOULD NOT IN ANY WAY WANT TO BE ASSOCIATED.

3. SHOULD KARAME INITIATE A DISCUSSION OF THE JUMBLATT-DAHDAH MATTER WITH YOU, YOUR COMMENTS SHOULD BE ON THE LINES OF THE FINAL SENTENCES OF PARA 1 ABOVE. KISSINGER

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